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## The Grass River Fire Update

FAIRBANKS, Alaska— The Grass River Fire, also known as Fire 250, is burning 30 miles east of Fort Yukon. The Tractor Trail is two miles to the east and the nearest allotments are six miles to the east. The fire was monitored today at 6:30 p.m. and is estimated to be 1,500 acres, 70-percent active burning in black spruce and hardwoods, and the growth is to the north. Smoke plumes are as high as 8,000 feet and may be visible in the area and from Fort Yukon. The fire is burning on DOYON lands and no suppression efforts have been requested at this time, though the area is expected to receive precipitation. For additional wildland fire information, visit the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center web at: <a href="http://fire.ak.blm.gov">http://fire.ak.blm.gov</a>. To report a wildland fire, call 911 or 1-800-237-3633.

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The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.